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(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon; and

(c) whether the Film Censor Board has certified these 'objectionable songs and scenes'?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The representations have been forwarded to the Central Board of Film Censors for necessary action.

" (c) Only films certified by the Board of Film Censors are exhibited to the general public."

Amendment of the Constitution.

* 1525 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received a letter from the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup that he is not putting this question "

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Yes, Sir, I am not putting the question."

Drinking water wells for villages.

* 1526 Q.—SRI G. GOVINDAN (on behalf of Sri L. Anandan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that enormous delay is caused in getting necessary sanction from District Collectors for the construction of drinking water wells in villages; and

(b) why the Government have not authorised the Revenue Divisional Officers to take charge of these works, including the preparing and sanctioning of estimates for the construction of drinking water wells in villages?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The Revenue Divisional Officers are actually in complete charge of the works, but for the fact that administrative sanction of the Collectors has to be obtained for the estimates."

Village industries in South Kanara.

* 1527 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned for the development of village industries in South Kanara district for the year 1952–53;

(b) the amount actually spent during that year;

(c) the industries on which the amount was spent;

(d) whether any amount was allowed to lapse during that year; and if so, how much; and

(e) the names of members of the village industries committee in South Kanara district?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) to (e) A statement [a] giving the particulars called for in the question is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" What are the other recommendations made by the Association apart from the training centre? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Political prisoners.

* 1528 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of ' C ' Class Political prisoners in the jails of Madras State at the end of 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no category of ' Political Prisoners ' as such.

Apparently the hon. Member refers to the prisoners said to owe allegiance to the Communist party, etc., confined in jails. The number of such prisoners in Class ' C ' is 69."

Local Fund Dispensary, Valpad.

* 1529 Q.—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the annual amount sanctioned by Government for the purchase of medicines for the Local Fund Dispensary at Valpad in Ponnani taluk, South Malabar; and

(b) whether the Government intend increasing the amount sanctioned.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Nil, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI O. KORAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that these dispensaries are to cater to the needs of about 1½ lakhs of people and also because this area is isolated from the rest of the taluk for want of communication facilities, etc., and in view of the peculiar condition in which this area is situated, will the Government be pleased to provincialise this dispensary? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already answered questions relating to provincialization of hospitals several times on the floor of this House. Provincialization would be done by stages and in course of time."

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 190 infra.